



Resolutions passed

AT THE

44th Annual Meeting
of Delegates

OF THE

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool
November 12th to 22nd
1968



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The 44th Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegates was held from November 12th to November 22nd, 1968.

The delegates reviewed operations for 1967-68, the report of the Board of Directors, and discussed matters of concern to Saskatchewan agriculture.

One hundred and ninety-one resolutions were submitted to the meeting by the Resolutions Committee, reflecting the subject matter of about 2,000 resolutions received from country meetings over the past year. In addition, forty-nine resolutions were submitted from the floor of the meeting, making a total of 240 resolutions that were discussed.

The following resolutions received the majority approval of the meeting, and are submitted as recommendations to the Board of Directors for 1968-69:

THAT this 44th Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegates hereby recommends:

POLICY

Contained in the Annual Report of the Board of Directors

1. THAT WHEREAS the net income of farmers is related to the volume of product marketed, the price obtained, and the cost of production; and

WHEREAS the grain producers of Western Canada have encountered difficulty in all of these three areas; and

WHEREAS the combined effect of lower prices, smaller exports and higher costs, together create the wide range of problems facing Western farmers; and

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool is concerned with the need for policies designed to improve the welfare of Saskatchewan farmers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following recommendations of the Board of Directors be approved as Pool policy:

(a) THAT members of the International Grains Arrangement meet frequently and regularly for consultation to keep the Arrangement viable; and further,

THAT the Government of Canada encourage such consultation through the International Wheat Council.

(b) THAT efforts be made to encourage the entry of additional countries as signatory members of the Grains Arrangement.

(c) THAT every effort be made to assure buyers of Canadian wheat of the reliability of delivery and uniformity of quality within and between cargoes.

(d) THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, in concert with others, increase activity in the export market both as sales agent and promotional organization.

(e) THAT the Government of Canada be urged to support its announced goal of 1,300,000,000 bushels export of wheat over the next three-year period by guaranteeing a minimum level of price for this quantity.

(f) THAT the Pool continue to support proposals advanced last year through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, for a guaranteed minimum price of \$2.12 per bushel for export wheat and that other grain prices be supported accordingly, and for a domestic price, for that quantity of wheat processed for flour in Canada, based on \$3.12 per bushel currently, to be adjusted to change in the index of commodities and services used by Western farmers.

(g) THAT Canada's marketing agencies engage in serious examination of the demand potential for types of non-bread wheat as a supplement to the bread wheat now being grown and marketed.

(h) THAT plant breeding efforts be intensified, with the object of achieving higher yielding potential, both within the existing quality standards, and in recognition of the potential for non-bread wheat for human food and for livestock feed.

(i) THAT a careful review of the licensing standards for Canadian wheat be undertaken to distinguish standards required for wheat for bread and non-bread use.

(j) THAT Canada's plant breeding effort be appraised to assure maximum effort to develop higher-yielding coarse grains for livestock feed, and further

THAT the potential for a wheat for livestock feed also be considered.

(k) THAT the Pool intensify efforts to convince The Canadian Wheat Board and

the Government of Canada that the Board should market rye, flax and rapeseed.

(l) THAT the Pool press for early review of the Canada Grain Act, and amendment to implement changes in grain licensing, grading and handling which will improve Canada's position as a grain exporter.

(m) THAT the Pool continue to be alert to changes in policies and programs related to production, grading and marketing of livestock, to ensure that the bargaining power of producers is not impaired.

(n) THAT a solution to the livestock marketing situation will require establishment of a national marketing board to handle all red meats and poultry in Canada.

(o) THAT the Pool support proposals to establish producer contribution, through a check-off on products marketed, for purposes of research, market development and service to the agricultural industry, providing administration of the accumulated fund is controlled by a representative group, and further,

THAT the Government of Canada match this contribution in any given period of time.

(p) THAT the Government of Canada give careful study to the methods used in various countries to deal with industrial disputes, and then set up machinery offering an effective means of settling such disputes, in those instances when private negotiation breaks down and work stoppage is imminent; and further,

THAT we favour the establishment of a permanent labour-management tribunal authorized to preside over industrial disputes and to pass judgment which will be binding on both parties.

(q) THAT the Government of Saskatchewan set up similar machinery to settle disputes in matters under provincial jurisdiction.

(r) THAT the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture be urged to expand its program of farm management training, and to place greater emphasis, in its extension program, on management aspects in agriculture.

(s) THAT ARDA activities in the province give increased emphasis to re-training

as a way of assisting the process of transfer from farming to alternative occupations.

(t) THAT the Provincial Government be urged to expand upgrading educational programs in the province to assist those with less than matriculation status to enter trade schools.

(u) THAT tariff reductions agreed to during the Kennedy Round of the GATT be considered only a start and further reductions be pursued at every opportunity.

(v) THAT the Pool continue to emphasize the role of co-operatives in providing significant opportunities for effective reduction in the cost of many of the goods and services required by farmers.

(w) THAT the Federal Government be urged to set the interest rate for Farm Improvement Loans at the level of the most favoured customers of commercial lending agencies as defined in the Act, and, to the end that sufficient money will be made available to meet the requirements of producers, the Federal Government be urged to provide to the agencies such guaranties as may be required.

(x) THAT attempts be made to convince lending institutions of the need for increased attention to the earning potential of a production enterprise rather than the assets available for security on a loan.

(y) THAT, while abandonment of some rail mileage in the province seems inevitable, the decisions on proposed changes should take into account regional considerations which affect more than one line in an area, and should examine all the available alternatives, such as exchange of line, construction of new linkages, different methods of operation, or other techniques which offer improvement in railway operations.

(z) THAT the Government of Canada be urged to do everything possible to facilitate international participation in the Food Aid Convention, so that it can begin to function in full scale as soon as possible.

THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

2. That we continue to support the Wheat Board system of marketing grains.

3. THAT the sale and movement of all feed grains be placed under the direct con-

trol of The Canadian Wheat Board quota system, and further,

THAT penalties for violations be increased.

4. THAT The Canadian Wheat Board police the interprovincial movement of feed grains more effectively.

5. THAT we urge The Canadian Wheat Board to continue to pursue an aggressive sales policy in order that the Federal Government target of 1.3 billion bushels of wheat exports be achieved in the next three years.

6. THAT the Federal Government be asked to amend the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act to allow the producer to obtain a cash advance on his own grain without the permission of the landlord.

7. THAT WHEREAS the report of the Bracken Commission in 1958 recommended adoption of certain principles in allocation of box cars for grain, which would assure a more fully competitive elevator operation, both at local points and between companies, and which would give all producers the right to do their elevator business where they choose; and

WHEREAS the present system of allocating shipping orders on the basis of a 12-month record of grain handling by companies, under present conditions of elevator congestion, changed methods of railroad operation and changed pattern of grain deliveries from farmers, does not maintain the principles of the Bracken report; and

WHEREAS the system of box car allocation now administered makes it extremely difficult, and at times virtually impossible, for large numbers of producers to exercise their right to patronize an elevator of their choice;

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of this Annual Meeting recommend that The Canadian Wheat Board change the system of allocating shipping orders to one which will assure a more fully competitive elevator operation, both at local points and between companies, and which will give all producers the right to do their elevator business where they choose.

8. THAT we ask for an increase in the number of cars allowed to be spotted on

order No. 1000 to a maximum of five cars.
9. THAT when the elevator companies allocate shipping orders, it be mandatory that a duplicate copy be supplied to the railroad.

10. THAT The Canadian Wheat Board establish a policy of a continuous quota for a period of three years, on a trial basis.

11. THAT a committee of delegates be established, with assistance from the Research Division, to investigate ways in which the quota system may be improved.

12. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool urge The Canadian Wheat Board, the railway companies and the terminal elevator system to do their utmost to move and condition damp grain during this season.

13. THAT research be conducted on the equalization of freight rates as they apply to grain.

14. THAT the facilities of the Port of Churchill be used to the maximum.

BOARD OF GRAIN COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA

15. THAT the Canada Grain Act be revised to permit the mixing of all grades of grain at terminal elevators.

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

16. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool present a resolution to the Federal Government for a two-price system for wheat separately, as well as through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and that copies of this proposal be sent to the Manitoba and Alberta Wheat Pools, Members of the Parliament of Canada, Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, and all other interested farm organizations.

17. THAT the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act of Canada pay all carrying charges on all wheat in commercial storage as at 31st of July each year.

18. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool press for free trade with all countries of the world.

19. THAT greater emphasis be placed on ways and means of getting food to hungry people, and that this be the responsibility of the Federal Government.

20. THAT a greater proportion of Can-

ada's contribution to the Colombo Plan be in the form of food.

21. THAT the Government of Canada increase credit sales of Canadian wheat.

22. THAT the Government of Canada look into the possibility of barter dealing with other countries and trading our wheat for goods.

23. THAT we commend the Federal Government for setting a realistic target in the matter of foreign aid, namely 1 per cent of the G.N.P., and for considering a cut in the defence budget in favour of foreign aid.

24. THAT any earnings derived from a two-price system be distributed on a basic quantity of wheat.

25. THAT it be the responsibility of government to see that the producer of wheat shares in any further increase in the price of bread.

26. THAT Government sales teams be organized to visit wheat importing countries to intensify grain sales efforts, and that farm organization leaders be asked by Government to appoint representatives from the farm co-operatives to serve on such teams.

27. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool consider sending knowledgeable people from our organization to the Federal Government more often than we do to further our interests.

28. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be more aggressive in presentation of farmers' problems to senior governments.

29. WHEREAS the problems facing agriculture are becoming progressively more acute; and

WHEREAS dramatic means must be employed to bring these problems to the attention of the Federal Government;

BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Wheat Pool arrange meetings on the same date with each of the thirteen M.P.'s at strategic locations throughout the province to discuss problems of agriculture, with dates set far enough in advance to permit thorough planning and maximum publicity.

30. THAT when Saskatchewan Wheat Pool makes its presentation to the Federal Government regarding farm income, em-

phasis be placed on the value to the Canadian economy of maintaining a rural population in Western Canada.

31. THAT this meeting of delegates express to the Federal Government its great concern over the high interest rate for money to be loaned under the Farm Improvement Loans Act and the Farm Credit Act.

32. THAT the Government of Canada introduce a method of price control in all segments of the economy.

33. WHEREAS the Canadian feed grain producer is presently competing with American corn produced and marketed under a subsidy program;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Government develop a subsidy program to maintain the income position of the Canadian producer in competing with feed grain entering the market from the U.S.A.

34. WHEREAS if the National Grains Council is organized and has any real value in research, etc., of benefit to the whole Canadian economy,

BE IT RESOLVED that the financing of same be a Federal Government responsibility.

35. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool ascertain the benefits to the farmer, if any, which can result from the establishment of a National Grains Council.

36. THAT the 11 per cent sales tax be abolished on facilities used for farm storage of grain.

37. THAT in view of the impending disastrous economic situation facing farmers with damp, low-grade grain that could go out of condition;

BE IT RESOLVED that a program of financial assistance by the governments be sought to assist producers in drying or caring for these stocks.

38. WHEREAS climatic conditions this fall made it virtually impossible for many farmers throughout this province to harvest their grain; and

WHEREAS crop insurance is only available in a few districts;

BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Wheat Pool join with other farm organiza-

tions to request the Government of Canada to provide adequate financial help to such farmers in order to avoid serious hardship.

39. THAT the Federal Government be requested to subsidize all farm improvement and farm credit loans' interest over 5 per cent; and further,

THAT the Government institute policies to lower interest rates.

40. THAT WHEREAS the grants payable to farmers for dugouts have been reduced from \$300 to \$150; and

WHEREAS the cost of construction of dugouts has increased; and

WHEREAS the need for more farm dugouts for stock and plumbing facilities will continue to be in great demand;

BE IT RESOLVED that we press the Federal Government to increase assistance for construction of dugouts to \$400.

41. THAT the Federal Government make cream subsidy payments to all shippers regardless of the amount of cream shipped.

42. THAT the Meteorological Service provide more adequate agricultural weather forecasting.

43. THAT the personal income tax exemptions be raised to \$3,000 for a married person, and to \$1,500 for a single person.

44. THAT we protest the Federal Government's allowing the sale of L.S.D. and other such drugs.

45. THAT the eligibility for P.F.A.A. payments be determined on a more individual farm basis rather than on the present area basis.

46. THAT the P.F.A. Act be revised to pay benefits when crop yields are less than twelve bushels per acre.

47. THAT minimum yields under the all-risk crop insurance be raised.

48. THAT the Provincial Government be asked to establish automatic insurance covering wild life damage to farm crops, the premium costs to be absorbed by the Provincial and Federal Governments.

49. THAT we strenuously oppose the postal rate increase on farm publications printed in Canada, as they are one of the major carriers of information to Canadian

farm families, and the added financial burden could cause many of them to cease publication.

50. WHEREAS the CBC Farm Broadcast is a valuable information program for Western agriculture; and

WHEREAS the CBC is considering changing this program from the noon hour to some other time, and eventually discontinuing the program entirely,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool impress upon the CBC the value of the farm broadcast and request that this broadcast be continued, and during the noon hour.

51. WHEREAS better understanding of farming problems as between the different regions of Canada is essential,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool approach the CBC-TV with a view to developing a farm program where such problems would be discussed and aired for the benefit of all Canada.

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

52. THAT the Saskatchewan Government license, at a nominal fee, all private and commercial grain driers operating in the province.

53. THAT the Saskatchewan Government eliminate the education tax on grain storage buildings and materials for same.

54. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool request the Provincial Government to consider the removal of the additional 2c tax on farm fuel.

55. THAT the Provincial Government institute a system of machinery testing.

56. THAT we request the Provincial Government to have rural municipalities inaugurate a program of roadside spraying to control all noxious weeds.

57. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool take an active stand for the protection of farmers' rights and property adjacent to potash mines.

58. THAT an applicant under 16 years of age, who has graduated from a driver's training course, be issued a restricted agricultural driver's license, to permit these

applicants to work on farms during harvest season.

59. THAT the rat program undertaken by agricultural representative districts 17 and 40 be continued and extended.

60. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool request the Provincial Government to repeal the legislation imposing hospital and medical deterrent fees.

61. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool urge the Government of Saskatchewan to return to Saskatchewan estates the province's share of the Federal estates' tax, on a basis similar to Alberta, thus decreasing the burden by about 75 per cent.

62. THAT the misuse of social aid by able-bodied recipients be investigated and active action taken to correct these abuses.

63. THAT WE recommend that all hunters hold and present a certificate of proficiency issued by an authorized agency, to qualify for a hunter's license.

64. THAT the Provincial Government pay five cents per empty bottle, as they are a hazard on roads and in fields.

ALLOCATION OF SURPLUS EARNINGS

65. THAT the surplus earnings for the year ended 31st July 1968, in the amount of \$2,347,156, be allocated as follows:

Grain:

Patronage dividend at the rate of .16c per bushel to be applied in payment of shares allotted pursuant to Article 19 of the Articles of Association of the Company, estimated \$280,000

Notwithstanding the foregoing, each member whose shares in excess of one share have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid his dividend in cash.

Total Patronage Dividend,
estimated \$ 280,000

Provision for Income Tax,
estimated 1,003,000

Transfer to Reserve Account,
estimated 1,064,156

\$2,347,156

66. THAT the present eligible categories of members from whom shares of the Company and terminal loan equities are presently being purchased be continued, viz.—

1. Estates of deceased members.
2. Totally disabled members.
3. Members over 70 years of age; or 65 years of age, if a veteran.
4. Members no longer interested in the production of grain or livestock.

67. THAT an amount equal to 10 per cent of each member's equity in the special terminal loan be repaid.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

68. BE IT RESOLVED that Article No. 40 of the Articles of Association of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be rescinded and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"40. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 9 hereof, the Directors shall divide the Province of Saskatchewan into not less than ten nor more than sixteen districts for the purpose of the Company, and shall divide each district into not less than seven and not more than sixteen sub-districts. A sub-district may in lieu of a territorial division, consist of a number of shipping points at which there are located one or more country elevators licensed under The Canada Grain Act. The Directors shall have power to change the districts and/or sub-districts from time to time, and to rearrange the same, with power to increase, reduce or consolidate such districts and/or sub-districts, and the Directors may decide in which district and in what sub-district any shareholder or shareholders may belong and vote, provided that in the division of the Province into such districts and sub-districts due regard shall be given to the number of shareholders. If any action by the Directors with respect to the rearrangement, increase, reduction or consolidation of a sub-district results in the delegate for such sub-district during his term of office ceasing to be qualified to hold office as delegate for such sub-district, it may only be taken by a two-thirds majority vote of the Directors together with the concurrence of a majority vote of the

delegates of the district in which the sub-district has hitherto been located."

69. BE IT RESOLVED that Article No. 57 of the Articles of Association of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be deleted and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"57. The qualifications of a delegate shall be:

(1) the holding of at least one share of the capital stock of the Company;

(2) his shipping point as recorded with the Company shall be a shipping point for the sub-district for which he is elected;

(3) he shall have delivered to the Company all commercial grain and commercial livestock sold by him during a period of three years immediately preceding the date of his acceptance and nomination as a candidate in the election of a delegate, provided he had grain and/or livestock to deliver and that the facilities of the Company were available to take delivery; provided further, that the foregoing does not apply to sales from farmer to farmer."

70. BE IT RESOLVED that Article 67 of the Articles of Association of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be deleted and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"67. In the voting for the election of a delegate, a shareholder shall vote in the sub-district in which his shipping point is recorded with the Company and for the election of a delegate for such sub-district only. A shipping point is a city, town, village, hamlet or siding in Saskatchewan at which is located at least one country grain elevator licensed under The Canada Grain Act, provided that a shipping point may continue to be considered a shipping point for a period of one year from the date of removal of the last country grain elevator therefrom."

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

71. THAT we commend the Canadian Federation of Agriculture for its stand with respect to the fact that no representative of organized agriculture has been appointed to the steering committee of the forthcoming agricultural congress; and further,

THAT this meeting express deep concern at this omission and strongly urge that a representative of the C.F.A. be appointed immediately.

72. THAT, recognizing there are numerous organizations which profess to speak for agriculture, and also that a united front would be most desirable, we hereby urge the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool to keep a constant liaison with other farm organizations to assure a co-ordinated effort of farm representations.

SASKATCHEWAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

73. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, as a member of the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture, request the S.F.A. to amplify and extend its information and publicity work among the farmers of Saskatchewan.

74. THAT resolutions passed and lost at the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture meetings be sent to delegates.

MISCELLANEOUS

75. THAT this Annual Meeting go on record as being opposed to the high cost of farm machinery.

76. THAT we recommend amalgamation of the three Prairie Pools and the United Grain Growers Limited, and that a fraternal delegate from the U.G.G. be invited to next year's Annual Meeting.

77. THAT our elected officials continue to pay attention to the suggestions and advice coming from the grassroots level when formulating the policy of the organization.

78. THAT the membership be consulted on their views before embarking on major expenditures, such as Head Office.

79. THAT this Annual Meeting favor greater support by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool membership towards C.C.I.L.

80. THAT all co-operatives endeavour to use C.C.I.L. machinery in films and slides at farm meetings, and in ads for advertising.

COUNTRY ELEVATOR DIVISION

81. THAT a committee program be prepared regarding consolidation to explain

the situation to committee men and to get their views on the question to help in formulating a definite and realistic plan for consolidation.

82. THAT management consult with the Pool committee and delegate before closing elevators, or purchasing others, under Saskatchewan Wheat Pool consolidation policy.

83. THAT when an agent procures rape-seed for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in his area, it be credited as handlings at his elevator for grading of the station.

TERMINAL ELEVATOR DIVISION

84. THAT in order to alleviate the present confusion which exists among members of the organization and the public generally in connection with the grain handlers' strike, we request our organization to make available to delegates the fullest possible information on all aspects of the grain handlers' strike, its causes and solutions.

85. THAT Saskatchewan Wheat Pool investigate the feasibility of a continuous liaison between terminal workers, management and shareholders, to gain a better understanding of each other's situation; with the ultimate hope that such increased understanding would considerably help in averting any strike of grain handlers in the future.

FARM SERVICE DIVISION

86. WHEREAS Federated Co-operatives Limited is pursuing the same goals as Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; and

WHEREAS we still agree that a friendly degree of competition is beneficial to both organizations;

BE IT RESOLVED that we recommend that a study be made into closer co-operation between SWP and FCL as it concerns manufacturing and distribution of farm supplies.

87. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to extend its co-operation to local co-operatives in the distribution of farm supplies.

88. WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Wheat

Pool has a supply of oilseed meal at the mill in Saskatoon; and

WHEREAS livestock producers require it as part of their feed mix;

BE IT RESOLVED that SWP stock oilseed meal at the farm service centres.

89. THAT we recommend that forage seed producers be granted the same credit privileges as grain producers in the collection of outstanding accounts.

90. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool reconsider its farm credit policy with a view to making it more attractive to the members, bearing in mind the present climatic conditions and the policy of opposition companies.

91. WHEREAS No. 1 and No. 2 seed are sold at the same price; and

WHEREAS No. 2 seed may contain twice as many weed seeds and 10% lower germination, or both; and

WHEREAS the grower has no choice in which seed he receives;

BE IT RESOLVED that these classes of seed be sold at separate prices, and the purchaser consulted prior to a substitute being shipped.

92. THAT a report be given to forage seed growers in July on the outlook of sales and prices for the coming forage crop.

93. THAT, if possible, seed be packaged in 50-pound bags for ease of handling.

94. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool obtain information on large polyethelene or other forms of grain storage.

95. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool work towards clarification and simplification of instructions on chemical products.

96. THAT a discount be allowed on advance (fall) orders of farm chemicals.

97. THAT quantity discounts on aerospray herbicides be made available to all patrons.

98. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool request the University of Saskatchewan Soil Testing Laboratory to advise alternative formulations and rates of application on soil test result sheets.

99. THAT delegates receive a breakdown of the plant costs of fertilizer to the

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, including a breakdown of distribution of costs showing freight, warehousing, handling, mark-up and earnings on a per ton basis by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

INDUSTRIAL DIVISION

100. THAT we ask the Federal Government to have freight charges reduced on rapeseed products from the mill to markets in Eastern Canada and the West Coast.

101. THAT the vegetable oil plant purchase all its rapeseed through Pool elevator agents whenever it is economically feasible to do so.

102. THAT a more intensified effort be made to have Pool vegetable oil products available and on sale in all retail outlets.

103. THAT all rapeseed oil being sold on the domestic market be clearly marked "Canadian Rapeseed Oil."

104. THAT we look into the possibility of some joint operation with Federated Co-operatives Limited regarding the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Industrial Division.

LIVESTOCK DIVISION

105. THAT Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to oppose the principle of futures trading in livestock.

106. THAT the Livestock Division of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool provide a more complete advisory service to members.

107. THAT the Federal Department of Agriculture, and producers, be urged to support an improved beef grading system.

108. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool oppose large corporations going into the production of hogs and cattle.

109. THAT we urge the Provincial Government to retain the horned cattle legislation and if they feel it is not effective in reducing the numbers of horned cattle marketed that this penalty be increased.

110. THAT producers not be docked for stub horns on cattle.

111. THAT the Federal Government be urged to reinstate the premium of \$3.00 per head on Grade A hogs.

112. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool urge the Federal Government to

remove the duty and tax on farm livestock scales coming into Canada.

113. THAT we commend the Livestock Division for assistance and service provided at 4-H sales.

114. THAT a Pool livestock buyer be present at the Royal Winter Fair livestock sale.

115. THAT management of the Livestock Division give serious consideration to the operation of the Yorkton yard on a one or two-day a week basis.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING DIVISION

116. THAT the Pool continue publication of The Western Producer and make it known that we intend to stay in this field.

117. WHEREAS in view of the vital importance to the whole co-operative movement of continuing the publication of The Western Producer;

BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Wheat Pool approach the sister Pools, and other co-operatives, with a view to having them acquire part ownership of this publication.

118. WHEREAS The Western Producer has a considerable loss this year, and the recent increase in postage rates will add to the difficulties facing The Western Producer;

BE IT RESOLVED that The Western Producer inform the member subscribers of need for them to forward subscription fees direct to The Western Producer, this to be done by the use of full page ads in The Western Producer.

119. THAT copy of notices re subscriptions due from subscribers be sent to elevator agents and that the agent's commission be raised.

120. THAT The Western Producer and the Publicity Division continue to clarify the image of the farm industry to the urban population.

121. THAT The Western Producer be instructed to publish the mechanics of handling and selling of our grain, starting at elevator deliveries, continuing to domestic and foreign consumers.

122. THAT the news media quote average prices actually received at the farm, rather than at terminal points; and further, THAT we urge The Canadian Wheat Board to word their press releases in this manner.

PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING DIVISION

123. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool place more emphasis on advertising with regard to services given by Farm Service Centres, which are available to local elevator agents.

124. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Publicity and Advertising Division place more information before the general public regarding the cost-price squeeze in agriculture, and that The Canadian Wheat Board final payments represent money owing to the producer.

125. THAT the "Pool Story" booklet give more statistical information, i.e., (1) handling charges; (2) distribution of excess charges refunds to members; (3) Wheat Board payments; (4) livestock handlings.

126. THAT we request that the daily farm broadcast give the cash price change of rapeseed, rye and flaxseed, as well as the future.

127. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Publicity and Advertising Division obtain a supply of ballpoint pens with the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool logo on them, similar to those we had in the past.

128. THAT the Publicity and Advertising Division use pictures of C.C.I.L. machinery in Saskatchewan Wheat Pool advertising.

129. THAT the Publicity and Advertising Division arrange a continuing series in The Western Producer under the heading, "Over the President's Desk".

EXTENSION DIVISION

130. THAT the Extension Division of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool prepare a winter study program on the merits of the Federation of Agriculture.

131. THAT the Board of Directors of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool convene a meeting of all organizations interested in a

Farm Management Program, with a view to standardizing a complete Farm Management System.

132. THAT the Board of Directors be cautious in cutting back the budget of the Extension Division.

133. THAT the program of banquet conferences be continued.

134. THAT the Extension Division give encouragement to committees to plan and to carry out a yearly program in line with objectives of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

135. THAT leadership training and co-operative philosophy be included in our public and high school curriculum.

136. THAT the University of Saskatchewan step up its program of adult education so that more people can avail themselves of training they require in our fast changing world.

RESEARCH DIVISION

137. WHEREAS farm organizations do not have adequate statistical information of actual farm costs of production in Saskatchewan which would prove beyond doubt the necessity and logic for government subsidization of agricultural production in Western Canada; and

WHEREAS competent qualified and experienced staffs of nationally recognized agricultural consultant firms are available to carry out studies and surveys to determine actual costs of production in any given farming area for a very nominal fee to the individual producer; and

WHEREAS there is a greater need today than ever before for individual producers to have in their possession a formula which they can use and which can be readily applied to their own individual operation, in order that they can more effectively exercise management decisions in operation and production which are vital in achieving a more favourable net return, thereby providing a more adequate standard of living for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS in the Province of Alberta for two years there has been carried out such a study in the county of Vulcan, which has

proven invaluable to the producers themselves and which also has provided valuable statistical data that can be used by agricultural organizations in negotiating with governments on policies relative to farm income;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors give consideration to, and investigate the feasibility of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool sponsoring and arranging for a qualified consultant firm to carry out a study in an area of Saskatchewan of as near average production as possible, to determine actual production costs, this study to be financed by the individual producers involved.

MEMBER RELATIONS DIVISION

138. THAT the election of delegates be held earlier, so that new delegates may attend the Annual Meeting as observers.

139. THAT the delegates' monthly "News Bulletin" contain more current information on Board and operational decisions.

140. THAT a study be made of the feasibility of having insurance on members' share capital, on a plan similar to that now carried by Credit Unions.

141. THAT a committee be appointed to review procedure, facilities, etc. of the Annual Meeting of Delegates for possible improvements that may be made, such committee to consist of four delegates and three staff members.

142. WHEREAS it is in the interest of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegates to implement all savings possible on behalf of the organization; and

WHEREAS recent postal rate increases cause greater mailing costs;

BE IT RESOLVED that all delegate mail, with the exception of urgent documents, be allowed to accumulate at Head Office and be mailed out once a week.

143. THAT the Board of Directors and General Manager make a thorough investigation of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool management personnel, with a view to combining or co-ordinating some of these positions to assist in reducing operating costs.

144. THAT the President, or Vice-Presidents, if possible, attend and address a meeting within each Pool district at least once yearly.

145. THAT the per diem allowance for delegates and directors be administered on the following basis: Delegates—\$25.00 per day; \$15.00 per half day; Directors—\$40.00 per day; \$25.00 per half day; and further, THAT one-half day's fees shall be charged for meetings or work completed in a morning, afternoon, or evening, with a maximum fee for work on any one calendar day, e.g., time spent travelling, visiting agents, etc.; and

THAT time involved in preparation for a country program where the delegate has a responsibility can be charged for, with a maximum of one day's fee per program (this includes preparation of flip charts, posters, slide presentations, or other visual aids); and

THAT time required for travel, including Sunday, to meetings held outside the district, (i.e. district meetings or training sessions), may be included for payment of fees.